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ONCE UPON A TIME there was a little red hen who scratched around in the barnyard until she uncovered some grains of wheat. She called her neighbors and said, "If we plant this wheat we shall have bread to eat. Who will help me plant it?" "Not I," said the

horse, the cow, the sheep and the pig. "Then I will," said the little red hen, and she did.

The wheat grew tall and ripened into golden grain. "Who will help me reap the grain?" asked

the little red hen. "Not I," said the cow. "It's out of my classification," said the sheep. "I'd become ineligible for food stamps," complained the pig. "I'd lose my unemployment compensation," said the horse. "Then I will," said the little red hen, and she did.

At last it came time to bake the

bread. "Who will help me bake the bread?" said the little red hen. "That would be over-

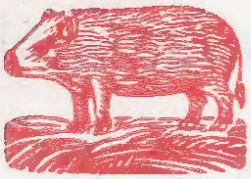
time for me," said the horse. "I'd lose my welfare benefits," cried the cow. "Discrimination!" screamed the pig. "Then I will," said the little red hen, and she did.

So she baked five loaves and held them up for her neighbors to see. They all wanted some, and in fact, demanded a share.

"No, I can eat the five loaves myself," said the little red hen. "Excess profits!" said the

sheep. "I demand equal rights," screamed the horse. "HEW will hear about this!" yelled the cow. The pig said, "Me too." And they painted 'unfair' picket signs and marched around and around the little red hen, chanting slogans.

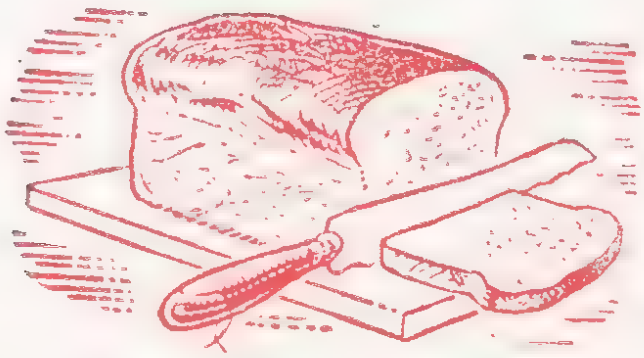
When the government agent arrived, he said to the little red hen,



"You must not be selfish." "But I earned the bread," said the little red hen. "Exactly," said the agent. "That is the wonderful free enterprise system. Anyone in the barnyard can earn as much as he wants, but

under our modern government regulations, productive workers must divide their product with the idle. So be grateful that you are permitted to keep a small portion of what you produced."

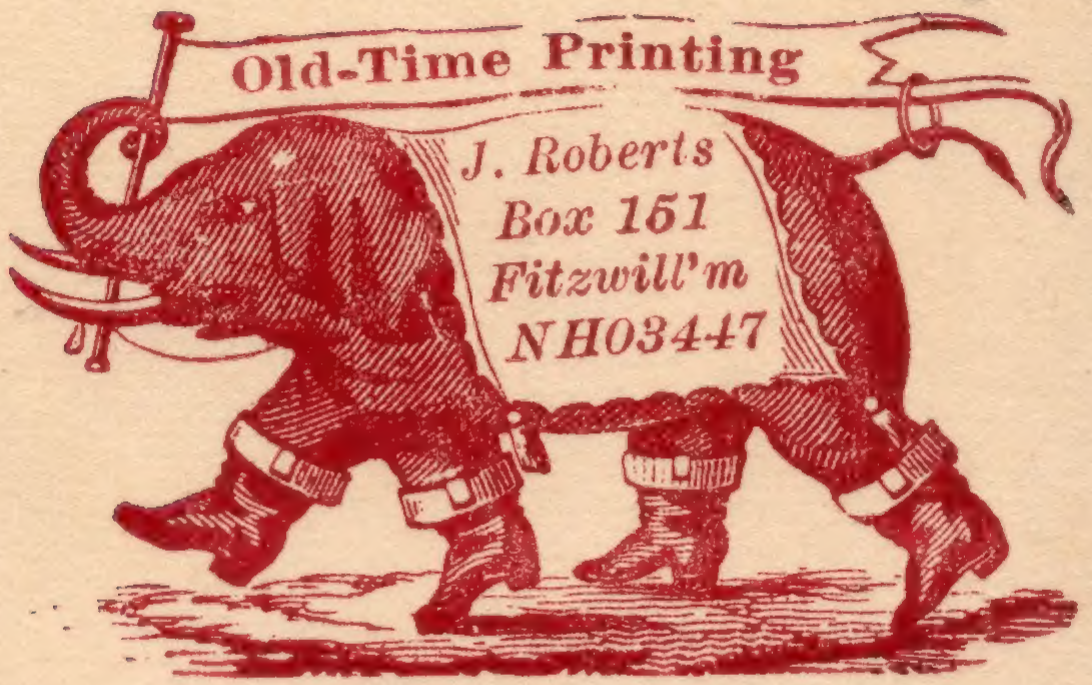
And they lived happily ever after, including the little red hen, who smiled and clucked, "I am grateful. I am grateful." But her neighbors wondered why she never again baked any more bread.



# Colophon

All handset, in order of appearance: 12 pt. French Clarendon, 20 pt. Bailey Shaded and 8 pt. Barnhart Bros. and Spindler Oldstyle No. 9. Cuts from all over.

Treadled work and turn on a 10x15 Golding Official cast 1886.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